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TOPIC Military Information from the Area South of Zehdenick

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] a pontoon bridge had been thrown across the Voss Canal, at the edge of the town, on 19 October 1950 and had been removed the following day.

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2. On 19 October 1950 [redacted] Soviet troops trained in the Exin area south of Zehdenick (N 53/U 70). With the exception of the highway leading through the Exin woods, all roads and dirt roads in the Zehdenick-Krewelin-Falkenthal-Bergsdorf-Kleinmutz area were blocked to traffic on 19 and 20 October 1950. A Soviet signal unit with 30 to 40 trucks, six of which had bodies with trolly-shaped antennae mounted, was observed at Hohe Timp, about 2 km southwest of Kleinmutz. The personnel of the signal unit had pitched tents. Numerous tanks, artillery pieces, mortars, trucks and passenger cars, apparently coming from the direction of Vogelsang, moved along the highway through the Exin woods. Some of the vehicles turned into side roads. Soviet troops with motorcycles, tanks, armored scout cars, artillery pieces, mortars and trucks were about to establish bivouacks in the woods near Liebenberg. The vehicles seemed to have come from the direction of Neuruppin.

3. Between 9 and 10 a.m., on 20 October 1950, 32 trucks carrying pontoons and bridge building equipment, were observed in Hoepen, between Krewelin and Liebenwalde.

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[redacted] Nine other trucks [redacted] passed through Zehdenick at 2 p.m., heading toward Camp Vogelsang [redacted]

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4. Soviet columns which passed through Zehdenick at intervals of 30 to 60 minutes on 21 October 1950, coming from the direction of the Exin woods and proceeding toward the camp, included one convoy of 30 trucks with troops

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[redacted] two motorcycles, 12 personnel carriers carrying about 14 soldiers each, and eight

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small scout cars; a second convoy of 39 trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 carrying troops and towing 28 mortars; a third convoy of nine trucks,  
 [redacted] carrying troops and towing nine heavy mortars: 50X1-HUM  
 a fourth convoy of 10 canvas-covered trucks [redacted]  
 one personnel carrier; a fifth convoy of 13 trucks [redacted]  
 towing 13 artillery pieces, and one jeep; a sixth convoy of two trucks 50X1-HUM  
 [redacted] occupied by troops, and two ambu-  
 lances; and a seventh convoy of 20 trucks [redacted]  
 [redacted] carrying troops and towing  
 nine artillery pieces. 50X1-HUM

5. On 21 October 1950, 15 T-34 tanks were seen at the Vogelsang railroad station, apparently ready to be loaded on a train. A train carrying troops in boxcars, and 12 trucks [redacted] passed 50X1-HUM  
 through Vogelsang toward Templin on 22 October 1950. \*

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- \* [redacted] Comment. The report states that field exercises, including bridging practice, were held in the area south of Zehdenick between 19 and 22 October 1950. [redacted] the troops par- 50X1-HUM  
 ticipating in the exercises were headquarters units, including engineer and, probably, signal units, of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, numerous elements of the 25th Tank Div, and elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, the 7th Gds Mecz Div and the 10th Gds Tank Div. It is believed that only a few elements of the last three divisions participated. Troops of the 10th Gds Tank Div who had been unloaded from two trains in Zehdenick on 13 October 1950 were presumably engaged in the exercises mentioned. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
 It is therefore possible that a several-day final fall exercise of the elements of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army was conducted in the area south of Zehdenick during the period covered by subject report.

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